

Las Vegas Woods and Waters

GAMEBAG

"all we want to do is hunt and fish and talk about it"



Next meeting Wednesday January 11 at noon
Putter's Bar and Grill 6945 S. Rainbow at 215 South
January Program: 2011 Awards and Clark County Shooting
Range Sporting Clay Course update from Steve Carpenter

Cave Lake

Ice Fishing

January 28, 2012



This event is in conjunction with the Ely Rotary Club and their annual ice fishing derby. LVWW intends to join in the fun. Honcho for the event will be Neil Dille and Steve Kiss (they have attended this event before)

There is an entry fee for the Rotary Club activity with a chance to catch "tagged" fish and prize money associated with each tagged fish caught. Space is limited for the Rotary event but our Angler of the year event is open to all. Hotel rooms fill up fast so make your reservations early. Check in will be on Friday evening with the fishing competition starting on the ice at 8am. Contact Neil 234-7215 or Steve 303-0489.

THIS IS THE FIRST "ANGLER OF THE YEAR" EVENT FOR 2012

Mark your Calendar

February 10th : Texas Hold'em Tournament?

March 17th : Annual Banquet at South Point

Presidents Message

Happy 2012! What an exciting time to be president of the Las Vegas Woods & Waters Club. We've never been stronger that I can recall in terms of membership, financial status, active participation and number of events. Thank you to everyone that recently stepped up and took on leadership and commitment roles in the club.

What other events would you like to see on the roster of club activities? A new hunt? New fishing trip? New social event? I want to challenge all of you right now to make suggestions and volunteer to honcho new events. Club functions of all kinds, outside of the monthly luncheon, are what make LVWWC so terrific. When we get together and tell stories about each other they don't involve what happened at a monthly lunch. They are about what happened while dove hunting together, or at the striper tournament, or the black powder shoot and so on. The friendships and camaraderie come to life from getting together for hunting and fishing experiences which is what we're all about.

In the last couple years alone we've added a coyote hunt, a silhouette shoot, an ATV ride, a pheasant hunt, a quail hunt, and more. What ideas do you have to add another event? There is no limit to how many we can do or what types of events we host. And don't be afraid to honcho an event, even if you're new to the club. We're a pretty self-sufficient bunch, so most events only require someone willing to organize the info and act as a point of contact. And if you're a new member, it's a great way to get to know some of the other guys. It's also the easiest and best way to introduce a potential new member to the club.

I'm writing this on December 28th, 2011. Over the next few days as we close out the year, let's all raise a glass to all the club memories made this year and toast the new opportunities, seasons and memories to come in 2012. See you on the trail...

Joe Luby

2012: a new year also means time to renew your membership. Dues are \$48 per year please send them in. I know many of you pay at the banquet but monies collected help us put on the best banquet in the valley so please pay promptly.



There's a new editor in town

Well this is my first "official" publication as the GameBag editor. Yikes! I've watched and seen how much work is involved, this club is in its 21st year and there have only been 3 or 4 previous guys that have taken on this task. Kyle Otto has done a fantastic job these past 6 or 7 years....thank you Kyle for all your hard work and endless effort, I hope to do as well during my shift.

The old adage holds true "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" I don't intend to change the GameBag. This is the voice and communication service for the club, I will do my best to keep everyone informed of club activities and members hunts. I also sit on the Clark County Wildlife Advisory Board so I will dedicate a portion of the GB to key topics that NDOW and the Wildlife Commission are currently discussing or working on and report on items that effect us as sportsmen.

Also as I mentioned at lunch last month I have been fortunate to win some nice gifts for writing articles that have been published in hunting magazines. I have received a 5 day fishing trip to Alaska, a pair of new boots and other small items for my efforts. So I will be trying to establish some sort of reward program for those of you that provide an article for the GB. Kyle was always asking for information to fill this publication and I won't be any different. This is our newsletter and I for one really enjoy reading about a members recent trip, fishing or hunting. Perhaps a reward based system will entice others to write a short story and provide pictures of your outdoor successes.

I would also like to continue the Classified section for those of you with camping, fishing or hunting gear you may be wanting to buy, sell or trade. This is a great resource to clean out your closet or garage and make a few extra bucks in the process, as an added bonus someone else will be getting good use of your gently used equipment.

Please contact me with comments or articles you want in the GB. 715-2020 or bpatterson @wlbgroup.com

Classified For Sale or Trade

Member **Stan Parnas** has some left handed hunting rifles for sale.

Heym, model 20R Safari Rifle, cal. 375 H&H, with Leupold Vari-XIII scope and mounts, case, ammo, excellent condition. \$1800 Custom-made Safari grade by Frank Wells, .416 Rem Mag, with Leupold Vari-XIII scope and mounts, case, ammo, excellent condition. \$1800 contact Stan at 702 531-2674 stanparn@cox.net

Mike Taylor is looking for a two burner camp stove and a Ruger Blackhawk .357 with 6 1/2" barrel. If you have one of these for sale contact Mike at 245-2012 mike@acnow.com

Quail Opener 2011

(sorry no pictures)

I headed out solo to the "secret" spot. A spot not far from Vegas. I rolled past the gate and through the ranch yard...there they were, the first covey of the day right on the road. This caught me off guard I had not gotten my gun ready or shells loaded into the vest. A couple climbed the steep cliff hillside to the left and the others meandered around the bend into the opening I knew well. I eased out of the truck and loaded up.

I eased up the road and around the bend. Birds broke to the right through tall quail brush and into the field, no shot there, but others broke to the left and I got off a couple quick hurried shots. Zip. What a disappointment I missed 3 clean shots? Back to the truck to go park at the planned location and walk my "loop". Just as I parked I saw another covey. This was turning into a good day already.

I got out and broke the covey. Quick shots and reload, more shots and 1 or 2 would bust late. One down, feathers everywhere but I searched and searched and didn't find him. Wow this is frustrating already, fired several shots and nothing in my bag. I looked for roughly 5 minutes before marking the location and heading after the busted covey. I got into them again. More shots, 2 birds for the bag. I moved along the normal route but the field was cleaned up, something not done in years. This helped to create an edge and that's where the birds were holding. I worked around the field and jumped another covey.

A single broke late and I missed him clean, 3 times!. But I watched his flight path and where he landed in a single bush out west by the wash. I scooted over there quickly to get another flush...I wanted this bird, up he went just as I had figured. Three more shots and not a feather out of him! This is getting embarrassing, but he flew to another lone bush not far away. I reloaded and sprinted that way.....now I really wanted to get this single quail. I got to his bush and again he flushed 2 more shots before he ducked behind a mesquite tree. MISSED again? Eight shots at one bird and he still eluded me? Must be wearing a Kevlar vest I thought.

Oh well I headed back toward the truck to resupply my shell bag. I sort of let my guard down as I got within 40-50 yards of the truck. Yep a single flushed right at my feet....so flustered I didn't even get a shot off. Probably would have missed anyway.

I headed back out around the field and was constantly into birds. I finally got my limit of 10 birds in just less than 3 hours! But the big deal was my POOR shooting. I counted my shells and realized I had shot 64 times that morning. Yes 64 times to bag 10 quail. That is embarrassing to admit but goes to show the number of birds out that day! Quite a day. I actually hit 15 total quail but was unable to retrieve 5 of them so my actual shooting percentage while terrible was not pathetic. $15 \text{ out of } 64 = 23\%$ $10 \text{ out of } 64 = 15\%$ Ask the guys on the LVWW trap team, they can attest to my poor shooting skills but I'm not usually that bad. Great day in the field any time you are seeing that many birds and getting that many shots!

PS: Paul Harris and I went out again in mid December and both limited out in the same area, it took us 4 hours and my shooting had improved. There are still lots of birds around (probably due to my poor shooting ability). PSS: We went out again Jan 2 and limited again.

Don't even ask where my secret spot is located, I don't want to have to be rude and NOT tell you.

Brian Patterson

Game Applications: Planning Time is Now

With the new year 2012, its time already to think about applications for tags and hunts this coming fall. We can still chase waterfowl and upland birds here in NV and some upland game is still open in our neighboring states so get out there. I happen to have a javelina tag in AZ next month. Here's a quick run down state by state.

Nevada: Our licenses expire on February 28th. You will need to renew to hunt and fish in the state. Spring Turkey applications are right now till Feb 15th. Big game draw is due April 16.

Arizona: February 14, for elk and antelope June 12th everything else \$151.50 license required to apply. Bonus point system is in effect.

California: June 2, \$136.50 license required to apply, preference point system in effect.

Colorado: April 3, point system in effect, elk are over the counter.

Idaho: April 30, \$154.75 license required to apply, no point system.

Kansas: April 30, \$ \$72.15 license required to apply, preference point system for white tails only.

Maine: May 15, moose is the draw here, point system in effect.

Montana: March 15, moose May 1, \$10 conservation license to apply, bonus point system

New Mexico: March 15th for everything, no point system

Oregon: May 15, \$76.50 license required to apply, no point system

Utah: March 1st, \$65 license required to apply, bonus point system Utah will be changing the general deer hunt in 2012 forming 30 smaller units similar to NV, this is the first year so get in the game now, start collecting points.

Wyoming: Jan 31 for elk, Feb 28 for moose, sheep, goat & bison, March 15 for deer & antelope, preference point system allows the purchase of points into Sept.

Its best to go to each states web site and read their regulations and instructions for applying. Something to keep you busy over the slow holiday period. The western states listed above are the primary states I look at each year, you may have others, its mostly the western states that have a draw in order to be eligible to play.

As you can see it can be costly just to get in the game in some states that require a license just to apply, then some include additional fees for the preference or bonus points. Some require the money be sent to them up front and they refund you if you don't draw, some allow you to apply on line with a credit card (a small processing fee) and you won't be charged unless you draw the tag. It gets complicated and confusing at times that's why I have a spread sheet with all the states and the hunts and hunt dates planned out. I try not to apply for 2 hunts in 2 states at the same time of year. Look at your vacation schedule and plan away for next fall. I submit for 15-20 tags each year and hope to draw 1 or 2. Only twice have I drawn 3 hunts and only once have I been shut out completely. Good luck in the draws this year.

LVWW biggest event is coming up fast. The BANQUET is set for March 17th at the South Point. Randy Weaver (460-7829) is the honcho and is looking for volunteers to help out. This is a sure way to get a sporty new shirt with the LVWW logo, be the envoy of all your friends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



My first issue, likes, dislikes
just let me know, I can take it.
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Coming Events:

SHOT Show

January 17-20 at Sands Expo Convention

Clark County Advisory Board (CAB)

Next Meeting January 28 6-9pm at the
Clark County Government Center Pueblo
room

This is your chance to voice your concerns
to the decision makers about hunting and
fishing issues in the state of NV. Mike
Reese and I both sit on this board that
makes recommendations to the Wildlife
Commission, they set the rules and regula-
tions throughout Nevada.

Safari Club International SCI

February 1-4 at Mandalay Bay
www.safariclub.org call 888 746-9724

Sportsman's Warehouse

5647 Centennial Blvd. Ann/95
Opening March 12 with Grand Opening
event March 24th

LVWW Banquet

March 17th at South Point

Fraternity of Desert Bighorn

May 19 Banquet at South Point

2012 Officers

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10% Off real estate inspection. Contact Kyle Otto at 219-4803.

Club discount at the Fairway Terrace at Putter's. Contact Kim at 307-8391

25% off picture framing at Art Encounter. Contact Rod Maly at 227-0220

The Back Page:



Calendar of Events (tentative at best)

January— Ely Ice Fishing 28th 8am Cave Lake
Honcho Neil Dille and Steve Kiss 234-7215 or 303-0489

February—Texas Hold'em Poker event
Honcho Mike Taylor 245-2012

March— Annual Banquet South Point 17th 6pm
Honcho Randy Weaver

April— Spring Feast and Sporting Clays
Honcho Mike Reese 400-6501

May— Silhouette Rifle Shoot
Honcho Don Turner

June— Black Powder Shoot
Honcho Brian Patterson 715-2020

Kolob Res Trout Fishing
Honcho Needed

July— Archery Shoot
Honcho Needed

August— Striper Tournament
Honcho Randy Weaver 460-7829

September— Fall Feast and Trap
Shoot Yuma AZ Dove hunt
Honcho Mike Reese 400-6501

October— Searchlight Quail Hunt
Honcho Mike Taylor 245-2012

November— Silhouette Pistol Shoot
Honcho Don Turner

December— 3 Gun Shoot
Honcho Bob LaPome 378-3373

Honchos needed for some events! Volunteer today!
Marksman of the Year or Angler of the Year Events
Look for info on these and other events in future issues of
the GameBag

Luncheon Dates

(2nd Wed of each month at Putter's)

January 11
February 8
March 8
April 12
May 10
June 14
July 12
August 9
September 13
October 11
November 8
December 13

Marksman of the Year standings:

2012 Standings after 0 events.

Your name here 1ST
My name here 2ND
Your buddies name here LAST

Attend the events (it's a lot of fun) and you will have bragging rights for the year on being the best marksman in the club!
Angler of the Year events too so brush up on your "catching" skills

"Most people have a dreadfully bad opinion of their capabilities compared to what they actually are. Hardly any person believes himself capable of what he is really capable of accomplishing. -L. Ron Hubbard

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